(c) The MCD has reported that the drain a big one, it is not possible to undertake its desilting every month. However, cleaning and desilting is done by the MCD as and when required to maintain its flow.

Widening of Shahdara-Loni Road

3265. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the survey to widen the Loni-Shahdara, Delhi was conducted several times during the recent past;

(b) whether there was a proposal under Government's consideration to widen the Loni Road upto 220 ft;

(c) since when the proposal to widen the road is pending and the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the Loni Road is likely to be widened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) As reported by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi the proposal for widening of Loni Road was formulated in January—February, 1986.

(b) No, Sir. According to the approved alignment plan the right-of-way of this road is 150'.

(c) and (d) The project estimate of this scheme has been administratively approved by the Government of India on 23.7.86. The work is likely to be completed in about one year's time from the date of award of contract.

Covering of drain between Loni Road and Jagjivan Nagar, Delhi

3266. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to cover the existing open drain passing between the Loni Road, Bhagwanpur Khera and Jagjivan Nagar, Delhi; and

(b) if so what action has been taken by Government thereon and by when the said open drainage is likely to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no policy at present to cover open drains. However, desiliting and Anti Larval Operations are undertaken as and when required in order to minimise mosquito breeding and nuisance in these areas.

Amount granted for sanitary facilitie in Orissa

3267. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the amount granted for public sanitary facilities in the Seventh Plan for Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): An outlay of Rs 60 lakhs has been provided in the State Sector for public Toilets.

Supply of Water to Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

3268. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount earmarked to develop mining in Andhra Pradesh for the years 1986 and 1987;

(b) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have sent any request/memorandum for financial assistance to speed up the work on the Yeleru reservoir, intended to supply water to the Visakhapatnam steel Plant; and

(c) if so, what is the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The central outlay for the mining sector in the State Annual Plan 1985-86 for Andhra Pradesh was Rs. 6.20 crores. For 1986-87 it is Rs. 6.23 crores. The budgetary support from the Central Government to Singareni Collieries Company Limited was Rs. 54 crores in 1985-86. For 1986-87 it is Rs. 90.87 crores.

The outlays for the Captive Limestone and Dolomite Mines of Visakhapatnam Steel Project in Andhra Pradesh was about Rs. 12 crores in 1985-86.

Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited are engaged in geological survey and exploration of minerals in all States including Andhra Pradesh. Sponsored by GSI, National Mineral Development Corporation is carrying out processing work in Andhra Pradesh for diamonds, for which amount spent in 1985-86 was about Rs. 24 lakhs and during the current year the amount spent is about Rs. 11 lakhs (upto September, 1986). National Mineral Development Corporation is also doing exploration work for tungsten on behalf of Mineral Development Board. The amount spent for this work in 1985-86 was Rs. 0.78 lakhs and for 1986-87 the budget provision is Rs. 20 lakhs.

(b) and (c) Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested for financial assistance for expeditious completion of the Yeleru Reservoir Scheme for supply of water to Visakhapatnam Steel Project. This has been approved, in principle.

गाया, बिहार के संरक्षित क्षेत्रों में खनन कार्य

3269. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार :** क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री 22 मार्च 1984, को राज्य सभा में अतरांकित प्रश्न 2488 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गया, बिहार में सरंक्षित क्षेत्रों में खनन कार्य आरंभ करने के बारे में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ;

(ख) क्या राज्य सरकार के संस्कृति विभाग के 12 मार्च, 1985 को बिहार गजट में एक अधिसूचना प्रकाशित करके रामशिला, प्रेतशिला और ब्रहमयोनि नामक संरक्षित पहाड़ियों के पूर्व विवरणों सहित, इनकी सीमा के बारे में एक अधिसूचना जारी कर दी थी और निर्धारित अवधि के भीतर किसी ने भी कोई आपत्ति नहीं की या सुझाव नहीं दिया ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार सभी आवश्यक कार्यवाही करने के बावजूद इन क्षेत्रों में अवैध खनन तथा विस्फोट द्वारा पहाड़ियों के विनाश को रोकने में असफल रही है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या शिक्षा विभाग-ने इस संध में राज्य सरकार से विचार विमर्श किया था, और उन गति-विधियों को रोकने के लिये कोई कार्यवाही की थी; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में खान विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती रामदुलारी सिन्हा) :(क) से (ङ) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Promotions in D.D.A.

3270. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Legal Assistants were recently promoted as Assistant Directors in DDA;